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To the Presbyterial Presidents of Tennessee Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America:

Dear Co-Workers:

It was my desire to send you a few words of greeting immediately after the adjournment of our synodical meeting. I was hindered in that, but I trust that your deep interest in Christian missions caused you to remember the November praise service, and that you are already well started on this year's work. Do not our hearts swell with gratitude when we remember that our Church has missions in every land in the world? Do they not stand still with the weight of responsibility when it is brought home to us, that the average number of souls for which we are individually accountable is one hundred? Can we imagine ourselves in the day of judgment striving to find a reasonable excuse why we have withheld from them the knowledge of their only Savior?

Now is our opportunity. Let us each one ask God for a reconsecration of ourselves, our time, our money, all that we are and have to his service to be used when and where and how he pleases, and then keep our spiritual ears open to hear his command and when he speaks let us be ready to answer and quick to obey.

Our Tennessee women represent us beyond the seas. Miss Sallie Alexander and Miss Mary Ransom in Japan, Mrs. Gale in Korea Miss Bartlett in Persia, Mrs. Jones in Siam, Mrs. Tedford in India, Mrs. Kyle in South America. Remember them in your prayers as also our special work in Syria, India, Alaska and Mexico.

Could we not take up the entire support of more than one of these dear women who have gone out from our midst to sow the precious seed? Our home work is in the mountains of North Carolina and Tennessee. For the present the former Cumberland Presbyterian women are asked to support Bell Institute, at Walnut, N. C. The salary of Miss Kate McNeil, the principal, is $650. The school is very much in need of a heating plant, which will cost about $400. Our women who have heretofore had the care of the school at Huntsville, Tenn., are asked to continue their contributions for that institution. Just now they need new additions to the bed and table linen, and the parlor needs furnishings, besides materials for the sewing room. Miss Wines, who used to be at Barnard, is the principal there.

I trust the time is at hand when we will feel that this great opportunity for work in the mountains is ours, and that we will join hands in striving to raise the necessary money to sustain it, not feeling a greater interest in the one than the other, but thanking God for the privilege of sending our money wherever it is most needed.

The Executive Committee recommended certain pledges for carrying forward the work. They are to be submitted at the spring presbyterial meetings for adoption. While our interest should not abate in the special work, the general fund must always be remembered, and also the contingent fund. The collection taken at the presbyterial meeting goes to the contingent fund. If you have some special open meeting, at which a collection is taken, the money goes for auxiliary contribution to the general fund, and is credited to the 15 per cent

advance. Our Boards suggest that we divide our auxiliary money equally between home and foreign work. The auxiliary decides and sends all money to the Presbyterial Treasurer with instructions as to its use. The money should be in the Treasurer's hands by the 15th of March, June, September, and December. The quarter ending March 15 closes the year.

I want to emphasize work among the children and young people. As we train them, so will be the men and women of future generations.

Nothing appeals to me more than the work of the Secretary of Literature. See that she has money for her necessities. Information is veritably "fuel for missionary fires." Urge organization of study classes. Press the claims of our interesting magazines—Woman's Work (foreign) and Home Mission Monthly, each fifty cents a year, and ordered from 156 Fifth Avenue, New York; also the children's paper, Over Sea and Land, twenty-five cents a year, from 503 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia. All will need The Home Mission Prayer Calendar and the Year Book of Prayer for Foreign Missions. Each gives the names and locations of our missionaries, so that we may remember them daily in our prayers. They are each ten cents a year and can be obtained from 156 Fifth Avenue, New York. In ordering any of these periodicals simply address the name of the periodical at the place stated above.

Our Foreign Boards offer the use of a traveling library to any presbytery for six months. From the Home Board can be secured slides for stereopticon lectures.

Let us try to follow the Assembly's instruction for temperance. Send to the Permanent Temperance Committee, Conestoga Building, Pittsburg, Pa., for literature and pledge cards, and see that in all our churches October 25 is observed as the Assembly requests.

The Freedmen—how could we be otherwise than interested in their salvation? They are here at our very doors. We cannot afford to send help to Africa and leave this work undone. If we do, God will not hold us guiltless. We must help to make of them intelligent Christian citizens. Those of us who are unfamiliar with the methods of the mother church, want to study to learn just what is required of us, so that we may do the work of which we are capable.

The General Assembly has appointed the Sunday before Thanksgiving and the Sunday nearest Washington's birtnday as the days on which the work of the Woman's Home Board and the Assembly's may be presented to the Sunday school. The object is twofold. First, that the Sunday schools may learn about the work being done in the field; second, that they may have an opportunity to contribute to that work.

Call the attention of superintendents to the action of the General Assembly and urge use of programs, which are furnished free.

The offering in November should be sent to Miss S. F. Lincoln, Treasurer of Woman's Board, 156 Fifth avenue, New York. That taken in February should be sent to Mr. H. C. Olin, Treasurer of Home Board, 156 Fifth avenue, New York.

The Christmas Sunday school offering, and also the one at Easter should be sent to the Assembly's Foreign Board, 156 Fifth avenue, New York, to the Treasurer, Mr. D. H. Day.

All other collections from any of the societies for foreign missions should be sent to ~~1819~~ 501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

The Christian Endeavor contributions for work under the Woman's Board are sent through the Presbyterial Treasurer.

The Woman's Home Board meets at the same time and place as the General Assembly. This year at Kansas City, Mo., May 21.

The Synodical Society is urged to have a representative, and presbyterial delegates are welcomed. The president of this board is Mrs. Darwin R. James, and the Treasurer, Miss S. F. Lincoln, 156 Fifth avenue, New York.

We have seven foreign missionary organizations which co-operate with each other, and are all auxiliary to the Assembly's Board, but Tennessee Synod is under the sole care of the board located at Philadelphia, Pa., whose president is Mrs. Charles Newbold Thorpe, and Treasurer, Miss Sarah W. Cattell, 501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

This board meets biennially. The next session will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., April 29 and 30, 1908. Each woman's auxiliary, Young Ladies' Society, Girls' Circle, Boys' Band, etc., contributing to Foreign Missions, is entitled to a delegate.

One of the most important recommendations of the Future Work Committee is that "At our annual synodical meeting the program be so arranged that one hour be given to a consecration service at which time an offering be made for the work of missions, and an opportunity be given to any one who may wish, to present herself as a candidate for missionary work, either at home or in foreign lands."

This, for years, has been the custom at the annual general convention of the Cumberland Presbyterian women, and thousands of dollars have thus been brought into our treasury which otherwise would not have been, and always some life has been consecrated to missions. Let us prayerfully consider this recommendation, and at our next synodical, maybe have an abundant offering to pour at the feet of our King, and who is there among us who will at that time come and give herself to be used of God for winning souls to Christ at home or beyond the seas?

Cordially yours,

(MRS. JOHN M.) SALLIE C. GAUT,
President Tennessee Synodical Society.

PLEDGES RECOMMENDED FOR YEAR, APRIL 1908-1909.

HOME MISSIONS.

	Chattanooga.	Columbia.	Cookeville.	French Broad	Holston.	Hopewell-Madison.	McMinnville.	Memphis-Obion.	Nashville	Union.	Total.
School Fund	$ 200 00 Huntville 30 00 Bell Insti.	$ 200 00 Bell Insti.	$ 25 00 Bell Insti.	$ 100 00 Huntsville	$ 250 00 Rocky Forks	$ 125 00 Bell Insti.	$ 75 00 Bell Insti.	$ 182 00 Bell Insti.	$ 250 00 Bell Insti.	$ 600 00 Huntsville 50 00 Bell Insti.	$2,087 00
Genl. Fund	Amt not specified			50 00							50 00
Freedmen	25 00			50 00						120 00 Swift Me.	195 00
Repair Fund				25 00							25 00
Evan. Foreigners	Amt. not specified										
Y.P. Pledges											
School Work	100 00 Huntsville			100 00 Alaska	65 00 Rocky Forks					150 00 Rocky Forks	415 00
Freedmen				10 00							10 00
Genl. Fund											
Evan. Foreigners				25 00							25 00
Total	$ 355 00	$ 200 00	$ 25 00	360 00	$ 315 00	$ 125 00	$ 75 00	$ 182 00	$ 250 00	$ 920 00	$2,807 00

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Sal. Mrs. Kyle. (S.A.)	$ 75 00			$ 75 00	$ 63 00					$ 200 00	$ 413 00
Genl. Fund	90 00	300 00	25 00	50 00	40 00	125 00	75 00	182 00	250 00	370 00	1,507 00
School Work.											
Y. P. Pledges											
School Work	15 00 Syn. Da Sch			50 00 India	20 00 Syn. Day Sch.					25 00 Swift Me.	110 00
Genl. Fund				25 00							25 00
Total	$ 180 00	$ 300 00	$ 25 00	$ 200 00	$ 123 00	$ 125 00	$ 75 00	$ 182 00	$ 250 00	$ 595 00	$2,055 00
Grand Total	$ 535 00	$ 500 00	$ 50 00	$ 560 00	$ 438 00	$ 250 00	$ 150 00	$ 364 00	$ 500 00	$ 1,515 00	$4,862 00

Constitution and By-Laws

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY
SOCIETY OF WEST TENNESSEE PRESBYTERY OF THE
SYNOD OF TENNESSEE . .

Presbyterian Church
In U. S. A.

Constitution

ARTICLE I.
Name

The name of this organization shall be the Woman's Missionary Society of West Tennesse Presbytery of the Synod of Tennessee.

ARTICLE II.
Objects and Relations

The object shall be to spread information of the work of the Missions, to foster activity in spreading the gospel in our own and foreign lands, and to organize Missionary Societies among the women and young people and children in all churches of the Presbytery.

This Society shall be auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

ARTICLE III.
Membership

The Society shall consist of the Woman's, Young Peoples' and Children's organizations working for Missions in the churches of the Presbytery.

ARTICLE IV.
Officers

The officers of this society shall be a President, Associate President, four District Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer. Secretary for Young People's, Secretary for Missionary Education, Secretary of Literature, Secretary of Associate Members, Secretary of Social Service, Secretary of Overseas Hospital Work, Secretary of New Era Work.

ARTICLE V.
Executive

The Executive Staff of the Society shall be composed of the following officers: President, Associate President, four Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, five of whom shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Council shall be composed of the Executive Staff and Presbyterial Secretaries, ten of whom shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI.
Duties of Officers

The President shall have general supervision of the work. She shall preside over all meetings, appoint committees, and shall call extra meetings at the request of three members of the Executive Committee.

The Associate President shall cooperate with the President at all times and shall act in her absence or disability. She shall promote stewardship, enlistment, and urge the attainment of the Standard of Excellence.

Each of the Four district Vice-Presidents shall be expected to hold a fall meeting in the district over which she presides. The expense of this meeting shall be borne by the district. The date shall be arranged by the President and the Vice-President. They shall bring a report on the work in their district to the annual meeting of the Presbyterial.

The Recording Secretary keeps an accurate record of the proceedings of the Society, notifies new officers to their election and notice of stated and special meetings, and acts as Secretary of the Executive Committee. She shall prepare for publication the minutes of the annual presbyterial also send notice of meetings and report of same to church paper.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct all correspondence as directed by the Executive Committee,

receiving and disbursing the blanks to be used by the auxiliaries in giving information for annual report.

The Treasurer in consultation with the President shall apportion the Budget, receive and record all conbutions from Woman's, Young People's and Children Societies, acknowledge same, and remit the same by check to the respective boards, and present printed reports at the annual meeting.

She shall also receive, record and disburse by check the Contingent Fund as directed by the Executive Committee, and have the books audited yearly.

The Treasurer shall give official bond, the expense of which shall be borne by the Contingent Fund of this society.

Secretaries of Departments shall look after the interests of their respective departments, send out report blanks and, from returns, compile annual reports.

ARTICLE VII.
Elections

Officers shall serve for a term of three years, and shall be divided into three classes, one class to be elected each year at the annual meeting. After rotation in office shall have been established, all officers shall serve for a term of three years, except the Treasurer, who shall be elected annually as provided for by By-Law I. At the first election (1922) the following officers shall be elected:

Class 1.-(3 years).
- President,
- Vice-President of First District.
- Vice-President of Fourth District.
- Corresponding Secretary,
- Secretary for Freedman,
- Secretary for Children.

Class II—(2 years).
- Associate President,
- Vice President of Third District,
- Secretary of Social Service.
- Secretary for Overseas Hospital Work.

Class III.— (1 year).
- Vice-President of Second District.
- Secretary of New Era Work,
- Secretary for Young People,
- Secretary of Literature,
- Secretary of Missionary Education,
- Secretary of Associate Members.

Vacancies occuring between annual meetings may be temporarily filled by appointment of the President.

ARTICLE VIII.
Mode of Elections

After the report of the Nominating Committee has been given, and an opportunity for nominations from the floor, the election of officers shall be by ballot at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE IX.
Amendments

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, provided a notice of the proposed amendment has been given, in writing, to each local society at least two months before the annual meeting.

ARTICLE X.
The Nomnating Committee

The nominating Committee shall consist of two women from each District appointed by Vice-President of District. First Vice-President shall serve as chairman.

The Future Work Committee shall consist of the Four Vice Presidents with Associate President as chairman.

By-Laws

Section I.

No offficer shall serve more than two consecutive terms, except the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall not be subject to rotation, but elected annually.

Section II.

The President shall appoint an Auditing Committee and all other necessary committees.

Section III.

The Executive Committee shall transact all business of the Society which occurs between sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum. They shall meet twice a year in the fall after the Synodical Meeting and at the time of the annual Presbyterial Meeting.

Section IV.

Treasurers of local Societies shall send funds quarterly on the 10th of June, September, December and March, by check, to the Treasurer of this Society using remittance blanks furnished by the Treasurer. The Thank Offering shall be included with the quarterly remittance following the Thank Offering meeting.

Section V.

The Contingent Fund shall consist of a sum decided upon as necessary to defray the expenses incidental to running the Society, including the expenses of speakers at the annual meeting, and shall include annual contributions to the Woman's Synodical Society of Tennessee.

All auxilliaries shall pay 25c per member to this fund.

The expense of the first four officers, namely, president, corresponding secretary, recording secretary and treasurer to presbyterial be paid out of contingent fund; also such a part of the expenses of president and one delegate to Synodical and Biennial, as contingent fund will permit.

Young People's organizations are requested to contribute One Dollar a year to this fund.

Section VI.

All officers shall send every year to the Treasurer an itemized account of necessary expenses incurred in her office, said expenses to be paid from the contingent Fund.

Section VII.

The annual meeting of this society shall be held in accordance with the Schedule of the Board.

Section VIII.

Each contributing society is entitled to three delegates. Only those delegates are entitled to a vote who are registered by the credentials committee. Presidents of local societies and all secretaries, if properly registered, are entitled to vote, including Presbyterial and District Secretaries.

SYNOD OF TENNESSEE

Holston.	Mrs. C. A. Duncan, Jonesboro, Tenn~~essee~~
	Mrs. J. W. C. Willoughby, Washington College, Tenn.
	Mrs. J. Moore, Home College, Tenn.
Kingston.	Mrs. L.S. ~~X.~~ Bartlett, Maryville, Tenn~~essee~~
	Mrs. J. A. Muecke, Kingston, Tenn~~essee~~
	Miss Mary J. Lord, Maryville, Tenn.
Union.	* Mrs. C. J. McClung - Knoxville, Tenn -
	~~Mrs. C. J. McClung, Knoxville~~, Tennessee
	Mrs. J. M. Meek, New Market, Tenn~~essee~~
	Mrs. W. H. Lyle, Dandribge, Tenn.

OFFICERS

President.	Mrs. L.S. ~~X.~~ Bartlett, Maryville, Tenn.

Vice Presidents.

Mrs. W. A. McTeer, Maryville, Tenn.
Mrs. James Thompson, Knoxville, Tenn.
Mrs. C. A. Duncan, Jonesboro, E. Tenn.

Secretary.	Mrs. Frank L. ~~F~~ Fisher, Knoxville, Tenn.
Treasurer.	Mrs. L. Havey, Knoxville, Tenn.

Report from E. Tennessee.

One having a superficial knowledge of Home Missions, is apt to think of its field of operations as lying wholly west of the Mississippi River, but a more familiar acquaintance with the condition of certain portions of our country situated in the region of the Cumberland, will soon dissipate that idea. The most interesting Report of a young minister who recently spent a three months vacation in several counties of East-Tennessee, furnishes facts that are sad and surprising. In a beautiful tract, situated upon the Cumberland table-land is a scattered population, living in a condition, intellectual, moral and religious, bearing a striking contrast to the natural beauties of their surroundings. A blissful ignorance seems to be the basis of their low condition. They have a system of Public Schools, generally taught by incompetent teachers, and open only from two to four months in the year, and the Select and Subscription Schools are not patronized by those who need them most. The morality is low, and the style of christianity practiced by those who profess it, is not calculated to raise the standard of the morals. Every neighborhood has churches enough to accommodate the majority of citizens, but as a rule they are only log structures, used as School-houses, and often closed in winter, not being comfortable for cold weather.

[redacted] young peo[redacted]ons are need in some, others are conducted in the ancient way of reading two or three chapters of the Bible without note or comment. Some of them are Union, others denominational, mostly Methodist. Some of the preachers are very indifferent to Sunday Schools, but do not oppose them as formerly, which is an encouraging fact. Owing to lack of Church and Sunday School privileges, and dearth of reading matter, the Sabbath is often spent in friendly visiting, or in "hunting up and calling cattle". Many families visited, are without the Bible; and the Temperance question is treated with great liberality, so that a man may be in regular standing ~~in regular standing~~ in the church, and yet run a distillery; and a woman can hold a respectable membership in said church, and yet sell the vile stuff that the brother manufactures.

The wants of this field are, First, a higher grade of schools. Ignorance and the best type of the religion of the Lord Jesus, are as incompatible as light and darkness. Second - there is a great need of that style of christian doctrine that will make a difference in the lives of its professors. Of course there are a few sincere Christians to be found, but they are the occasional exceptions, and except the Cumberland Presbyterians, the Presbyterian Church is very poorly represented, "and just here", says the Report, "a Presbyterian missionary can do a great deal of good, as the Lord Jesus did, in helping those in need, instructing and lifting up the degraded, and saving the perishing". Aside from the great needs of this field, as far as perishing souls are concerned, the Foreign work of our Church demands the necessity of planting and keeping up churches in the Home field. Any one wishing to aid this important work, can send contributions to Mrs. M.E. Boyd, Treasurer of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. 23 Centre St. N. York - Box 3863.

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